



**First United Methodist Church**  
*Welcome! We're glad that you are here.  
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;  
all who are lonely and need companionship;  
all who want sheltering love, all who sin  
and need a Savior; and whosoever will*  
—we open wide our doors and say, “Come; let us worship together.”  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A**

10:15 am Sunday Worship

October 4, 2026

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE: Annika Law

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS Vivian Eaton

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (message Pastor 773-971-7208)  
PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Kim Gonzales  
**L:** Welcome to God’s house! We are delighted to have you here!  
**P: We hunger for God’s word of hope.**  
**L:** You have come to the right place. Here you will be fed on the life-giving love of God.  
**P: We thirst for God’s healing in our lives.**  
**L:** At the table of the Lord, you will be fed and your thirst quenched.  
**P: Thanks be to God who provides for our needs.**

**\*HYMN UMH #64 “Holy, Holy, Holy.”**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)** Kim Gonzalez  
**Dear God, as the whole Christian world comes to the table this day, we thank you for the gift of bread and wine which we share our identity, forgive us for the times we have approached your holy mysteries in a careless spirit, or allowed divisions and indifference to fracture our fellowship. Grant us the grace of true self-examination. Cleanse our thoughts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may discern your body, honor one another in love, and worthily proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Amen!**

**Church History highlights:** Deann Kramer.

**Scripture Reading**  
**I Corinthians:11-24-34 NRSV** Kim Gonzales  
**누가복음 22:19-20 KRV** Korean Language  
**Lucas 22: 19-20 : Portuguese** Isabel de Castro  
**Luke: 22:19-20**  
**L:** The Word of God for the People of God  
**P: Thanks be to God**  
**SONG OF PREPARATION: Children’s Choir**  
**MESSAGE: Pastor Fernando**

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON  
SILENT PRAYER  
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**OFFERING OURSELVES**  
**\*DOXOLOGY #95**  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER  
**Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
**BREAKING THE BREAD**  
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

**\*HYMN TFWS #**  
**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**  
**\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD** Vivian Eaton

**IN OUR PRAYERS**  
Tim Cavanagh, Frank Norman, Mike Medley, Sandy Froelich, Kathie Prins, Carol Ingersoll, Heather Mullins, Colleen Olsen, Howard Nichols, Curtis Pilgrim, Lt. Brian Robinson, Julia Castro, Chuck Atherton, Bob & Teresa Bauer, Amil Bork, Rachael Williams, Joyce Eversoll, Kim Kauffman, Caleb Thorton’ Tina Bentley, Sherry Traum, Judy Klien, Bella Harbron, Maria Africano

Sympathy to:

**Our shut-ins:**  
Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison,  
Mary Ellen Dreger, Florence Bevins-Powell, Judy Law

Our country & government; Military Personnel & their families; the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel; the Gaza Strip; peace in the Middle East; people affected by the wildfires, snow, cold temperatures; the towns, families, students, school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**  
October 9 – Lynn Haas  
10 – Rhonda Badtke  
10 – Sherry Cancelose

| WORSHIP HELPERS |                                                                 |                                           |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                 | October 4                                                       | October 11                                |
| Acolyte         | Annika Law                                                      | Blaine Johnson                            |
| Liturgist       | Kim Gonzales                                                    | Linda Jachino                             |
| Counter         | Molly Andersen                                                  | Rhonda Law                                |
| Verifier        | Pam Darrow                                                      | Linda Jachino                             |
| Coffee Hour     | Linda Jachino                                                   |                                           |
| Greeter         | Debbie Long                                                     | Tom Michels & LeaAnn                      |
| Ushers          | Linda Stubbe,<br>Pam Darrow<br>Molly Andersen<br>Kelley Johnson | Debbie Long<br>Bob & LaVona<br>Grissinger |

**Last Week’s Attendance: 81**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**West Carroll Food Pantry** -We could use boxes of macaroni and cheese and peanut butter and jelly. Thank you so much for your generosity.  
**The Blessing Basket** -The Blessing Basket provides clients of the West Carroll School Food Pantry with free household items and Personal hygiene products. We need toothbrushes and toothpaste, both for adults and children. Please consider donating 2 items this month to restock our shelves. This ministry is possible only because of your generosity. Thank you for all your donations! Please consider donating items and placing them in the Food Pantry box in the narthex.  
**New Member Class** – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know.  
**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Mentors are needed, please, if you may help in mentoring one of our youths, talk to Pastor.  
**Charge Conference:** Our Church Conference is coming OCTOBER 10; please get your reports done.

**JOY** (Just Older Youth) meets the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving soup and sandwiches, and the program will be Jeff Kromer and Andy Nielsen performing their Bluegrass music. This is a free meal program and fellowship for anyone over 60. This month we'll meet on October 21st. Please RSVP by noon Monday, October 19th, by calling the church office at 815-273-2345. Rides are available in-town only.

**Savanna Food Pantry - Thank you.** Our next turn is October 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> if you are interested in helping.

**UWF\*** October 13th

**Hospitality Committee:** Thanks to all the volunteers for Greeters, Ushers, & Coffee Hour Providers

**KIDS KARDS** will meet after worship Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

We will be making Thanksgiving cards and having sloppy joes for lunch. All materials are provided, and everyone is welcome. Come and share the fun time with our children!

**2026 Community Flu Clinic** Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>—10:30 am  
11:30 am Savanna First United Methodist Church

**Laity Sunday:** Observed on the third Sunday in October.

Each year, the United Methodist Church celebrates the ministry and witness of laypersons everywhere through a special service.

**Church Anniversary:** November 1<sup>st</sup>. We shall have our Church Anniversary: Please come ready for fun, reflection, reconnect, and Eat very good food. RSVP. To the office and Invite Someone you know Should be here on that day.



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Methodist Church  
Sunday, October 4, 2026  
at 10:15 am

### Vision Statement

**“Reaching out to all people and  
inviting them to experience the Love  
of God through Open Hearts, Open  
Minds, and Open Doors.”**

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